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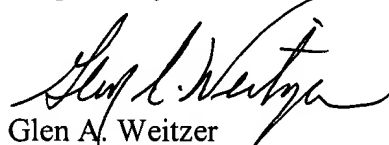
Applicants amend claims 1 and 7 and cancel claim 6 such that claims 1-5 and 7-20 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims.

Applicants initially note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 11-20 and has identified allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 5-8. Applicants rewrite objected-to dependent claim 6 as independent claim 1 and therefore independent claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend from allowable independent claim 1 and are therefore also allowable for these and other reasons.

The reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner refer only to some of the features in the independent claims, and are not the only reasons that all of the claims are allowable. Each of the independent and dependent claims include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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